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Tadakuni NARABU

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THIRD PARTY DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

I, Affiant's Name, state that: *Michiko Shigyo*

1. I am employed by Sony Corporation (hereafter "Sony") and have been employed by Sony since 1992.
2. I witnessed the invention report for the above-mentioned invention of Tadakuni Narabu being filed in the Intellectual Property Department of Sony prior to March 16, 1998.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application,

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Executed on June 16, 2003 Michiko Shigyo
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